

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 663**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Galgiani**

February 21, 2007

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An act relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 663, as introduced, Galgiani. Pupils: parent involvement.

Existing law provides that parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools have the right and should have the opportunity to be informed by the school concerning, among other things, the academic performance standards, proficiencies, or skills their child is expected to accomplish, and to participate in the education of their children by, among other things, observing the classroom in which their child is enrolled, volunteering their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and school programs, and examining the curriculum materials of the classes in which their child is enrolled. Existing law requires a school district to take all reasonable steps to ensure that all parents and guardians of pupils who speak a language other than English are properly notified in English and in their home language of these rights and opportunities.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would encourage schools and school districts to establish parent involvement programs that have proven effective in increasing the involvement of parents who do not speak English.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares as follows:

2     (1) Approximately 5,000,000 children in the nation's public  
3 schools are considered English learners. Nearly a third of these  
4 children live in California.

5     (2) The English learner population is diverse, speaks many  
6 languages, and comes from many countries. However, Spanish  
7 speakers make up the single largest language minority group.

8     (3) The large and growing population of children from  
9 non-English-speaking families poses ever increasing challenges  
10 to our schools.

11    (4) Parent involvement in their children's education has a huge  
12 positive impact on the child's success in school.

13    (b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to enact  
14 legislation that would encourage schools and school districts to  
15 establish parent involvement programs that have proven effective  
16 in increasing the involvement of parents who do not speak English.